

RESOLUTION NO. 824

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SEWALL'S POINT, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE STATE LEGISLATURE'S EFFORTS TO AMEND SECTION 403.7033, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO PROVIDE FOR LOCAL REGULATION OF PLASTIC BAGS OR, ALTERNATIVELY, FOR THE REPEAL OF SAID STATUTORY SECTION SO THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ARE NO LONGER PREEMPTED FROM ENACTING LEGISLATION REGULATING PLASTIC BAGS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Town Commission of the Town of Sewall's Point is diligent in its efforts to preserve the beautiful environment that is so vital to the economy of Sewall's Point, Martin County and the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, plastic bags are detrimental because they do not fully degrade in our oceans or land environment and they introduce unsafe chemicals into our environment; and

WHEREAS, plastic bags create the potential for death of land and marine animals through entanglement and ingestion; and

WHEREAS, the expansive usage of single-use shopping bags and their typical disposal rates creates an impediment to the Town's waste reduction and recycling goals while creating unsightly litter; and

WHEREAS, single-use plastic bags are difficult to recycle and frequently contaminate material that is processed through the Town's curbside recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, replacing single use bags with reusable bags is considered a quick and easy way to reduce waste and litter, protect wildlife and conserve resources; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission acknowledges that some business have taken affirmative step to accomplish this goal and recognizes their proactive efforts; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best public interest for the Florida Legislature to provide for the local regulation of single-use shopping bags.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SEWALL'S POINT, FLORIDA, that:

SECTION 1:


The Town Commission hereby declares its support of an amendment to Section 403.7033, *Florida Statutes*, which amendment would provide for local regulation of plastic bags under the State's proposed guidelines.

SECTION 2:

Alternatively, the Town Commission requests that the Florida Legislature repeal Section 403.7033, Florida Statutes, so that local governments may enact and enforce legislation regarding the use and disposal of plastic bags.

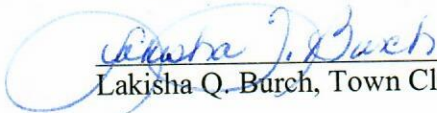
DULY ADOPTED at a regular meeting this __ day of February, 2016

TOWN OF SEWALL'S POINT, FLORIDA




Dan Morris, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lakisha Q. Burch, Town Clerk



Glen J. Torcivia, Town Attorney
Florida Bar No. 343374
Approved as to form and legal sufficiency